SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Some 50 residents of the Class IV employees colony at Punchkuin Road, New Delhi were charged electricity consumption at the rate of Re. 1/- per unit as according to N.D.M.C., they had misused by extending electricity to the unauthorised structures constructed adjacent to their quarters.

(b) According to the tariff note issued by N.D.M.C., the consumers are liable to be charged at the rate of Re. 1/- per unit for misuse of supply of energy.

(c) N.D.M.C. had issued notices in the form of letter to the residents found misusing electricity after site inspection by N.D.M.C. staff.

(d) Some residents have stopped misusing the electricity and are now being charged at normal tariff rates. Those who have not stopped misusing are playing at the penal rate.

Selling fishing boats by Union Carbide

2520. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1800 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1986 and state :

(a) whether Government have received any information to the effect that numerous fishing boats have been quickly disposed of by Union Carbide in Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether such asset-depletion is likely to affect the position of Union Carbide to meet their liabilities; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent such transfer of assets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Capital Thermal Power Project

2521. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any blue-print of a National Capital Thermal Power Project has been finalised to meet the Delhi's power needs by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the estimated expenditure, the type and location of the additional power generating stations to be established and their generating capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up the first stage of the National Capital Thermal Power Project (4×210 MW) at a site near Dadri in the Ghaziabad District of Uttar Pradesh. The estimated cost of the first stage of the project, which is proposed to be implemented by the National Thermal Power Corporation, is Rs. 1063.57 crores. The first unit of 210 MW is proposed to be commissioned in 1991-92 and subsequent units at intervals of six months each thereafter.

Strike in non-coking coal mines

2522. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a strike has recently taken place in non-coking coal mines in Bihar and Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the demands of the workers and Government's reacton thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) There has been

no general strike anywhere in any coal mine in Bihar and Orissa during the last six months, excepting a few instances of lightening strike for different reasons on different occasions in different mines.

(b) Does not arise.

Kapili Project in Assam

2523. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) when the North Eastern Electrical Power Corporation started the Kapili Project in Assam;

(b) what was the original estimated cost of the project;

(c) what is the revised estimated cost for completion of the project now; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in commissioning all the units of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The Kapili Hydro-electric Project in Assam was handed over for implementation to the North Eastern Electric Power Corporaton in June, 1976.

(b) The original estimated cost of the project was Rs. 56.77 crores.

(c) The estimated cost of the project was revised to Rs. 212 crores in July, 1986.

(d) The two units of 25 MW each at Khandong Power House of the Project were commissioned in March and May, 1984. The two units of 50 MW each at Kopili Power House of the Project are under execution. Besides the modifications in the design, the Project was delayed on account of the uncertain conditions that prevailed in the region. The commissioning has now been delayed by the collapse of a portion of the tunnel during the initial filling of the Umrong Tunnel of the Kopili Power House in September, 1986.

Working of Rural Electrification Corporation

2524. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a frequent change in incumbency for the Chairmanship of Rural Electrification Corporation; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the R.E.C. has removed nearly thirty persons employed as daily-wages L.D.Cs./Typists although there is no reduction in magnitude of the work in the Corporation; if so, what are the reasons therefor and how the smooth working of the Corporation is proposed to be ensured; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons who have rendered nearly nine months service on daily-wages i.e. who have completed even three tenures of 89 days each, have also been removed; if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action is being taken to regularise their services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) 35 persons engaged on daily-wages in different category such as, clerical, typists, watermen, etc. for attending temporarily to the work in the Corporation could not be continued on the expiry of their period of employment. These persons worked for a total period ranging from 3 to 11 months in different spells.

As these persons were employed in the Corporation for work on temporary nature, presently there is no proposal to re-employ them.